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INDIANAPOLIS MAN CHARGED WITH HEALTH CARE FRAUD

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that Gamal Obeid, 50, Indianapolis, appeared today before a United States Magistrate Judge to answer to charges of health care fraud, following an investigation by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General and Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

The government alleges that beginning in January of 2006, and continuing until March 11, 2011, Obeid used his company, EZ Way Trans, to submit bills to the Indiana Medicaid Program for transportation services it had not provided. The information alleges that as a result of these fraudulent bills, Obeid defrauded the Indiana Medicaid Program of \$52,448.40.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley P. Shepard, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Obeid faces a maximum of ten years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

An information is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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